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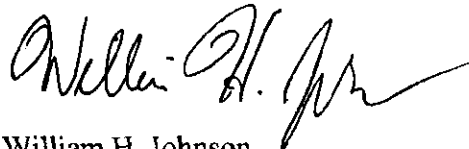
Marlene H. Dortch  
Office of the Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Section 63.71 Application of Verizon Select Services Inc.**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 63.71 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, Verizon Select Services Inc. ("VSSI"), located at 700 Hidden Ridge, Irving, Texas 75038, hereby provides notice that, beginning on or about October 1, 2007, VSSI will no longer provide toll-free and outbound long distance business services to business customers served by two long distance switches located in Philadelphia and New York City. This proposed discontinuation of business services affects only the small percentage of VSSI business customers (approximately 10) who subscribe to the additional toll free features – features that are specifically provisioned by these switches and are available throughout the United States – and who have not already entered contracts with Verizon to transition to other comparable services. Verizon's general base of residential local and long distance voice subscribers or other business customers will not be affected by this application. The long distance switches mentioned above are being decommissioned because the manufacturer will no longer support them after October 1, 2007. VSSI provided written notice to affected customers via U.S. Mail on July 2, 2007, informing such customers about this discontinuation and comparable service options. A copy of the customer notice letters are is attached to this letter. VSSI is considered non-dominant with regard to the services being discontinued, reduced or impaired. Should you have any questions about this application, please contact me at (703) 351-3060.

Sincerely,



William H. Johnson

cc: Public Utility Commission and Office of the Governor in each State  
Secretary of Defense, Attn: Special Assistant for Telecommunications



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Irving, TX 75038

July XX, 2007

[Company Name]  
[Contact Name]  
[Street Address]  
[City, State and Zip Code]  
[BAN ID]

Dear [Customer Name]:

As you may already have been advised, your business toll-free and long distance telephone service provided by Verizon Select Services Inc ("VSSI") was to be discontinued on July 1, 2007. VSSI has extended that deadline for three months – until October 1, 2007. As no further extensions will be granted, **YOUR VSSI SERVICE WILL BE TERMINATED ON THIS DATE.** Also because the migration of all of your VSSI services will take time, it is essential that you begin making arrangements now to migrate your service to a VSSI affiliate or to another provider. To lessen the possibility of a service disruption on October 1, the orders for migration should be made two months prior – by August 1, 2007. As previously advised, the discontinuance is necessary because the affected services are being provided out of two switches that will no longer be supported by the manufacturer and are therefore being decommissioned.

VSSI, which is located at 700 Hidden Ridge, Irving, Texas 75038, will soon file an application with the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") under Sections 63.71 of the FCC's rules for approval to discontinue the toll-free and outbound long distance services for you and other customers served by these two long distance switches. The VSSI service being discontinued provides nationwide business toll-free inbound and outbound long distance voice service over both switched and dedicated access. The discontinuation of service affects only the small percentage of VSSI business customers who subscribe to the additional toll-free features that are specifically provisioned by these switches. Verizon's general base of residential local and long distance voice subscribers or other business customers will not be affected by this application.

As you were previously notified, if you are under a term plan that has not yet expired, you have the option of terminating your agreement with VSSI at any time without termination liability or further obligation except for the charges incurred up to the date of termination. Although not obligated to do so, you may replace your service with a comparable Verizon Business service. Verizon Business offers a service that has the same voice features and capabilities you enjoy today, as well as other additional features and options. Other providers may also offer service alternatives. Whatever choice you make, it is the goal of Verizon Business to make this transition as smooth and easy as possible without any undue hardship on you or your business operations. As noted above, to avoid a potential service disruption on October 1, you should enter a new agreement with Verizon Business or place your order to migrate your services to another provider by August 1. VSSI needs notice by that time to ensure an orderly and timely migration of your services. As such, it is very important for you to immediately begin implementing a migration plan.

The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service (or reduction or impairment) unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 15 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, D.C. 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the Section 63.71 Application of Verizon Select Services Inc. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance (or reduction or impairment) upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire a reasonable substitute service.

If your [VSSI/Verizon] account team has not contacted you, please contact [your representative] as soon as possible. [The VSSI account team/your representative] will be able to advise you of your service options, including replacing your existing service with a comparable Verizon Business service.

Sincerely,

Verizon Select Services Inc.